(b) whether the Gujarat Government has supplied the necessary information required by the Central Government in this regard;

(c) by when this petro-chemical project is likely to be cleared and by when it will be commissioned; and

(d) what will be the direct and indirect employment potential which this petro-chemical complex will create when completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (d) Some applications for the setting up of a petrochemical complex in Gujarat have been received. Final decision on these applications will be taken after a number of issues relating to availability of feedstock, tie up of resources etc., are resolved. Details about these applications are not disclosed till a final decision is taken on them.

Price decontrol medicines

986. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is proposing to expand the list of price decontrol medicines;

(b) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry is proposing to abolish profitability control on drug industry;

(c) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry has not proposed any limits on free samples of medicines to medical professionals trade discount, Retailers Commission and Advertisement expenses;

(d) whether it is also a fact that neither control on profitability nor on expenses has been proposed in the measures;

(e) whether it is also a fact that in the absence of any degree of control, taxable profits of Drug Industry would decline on one side and consumer will be looted on the other; and

(f) if so, what are the details of the measures proposed to save such a situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) Details of the measures announced by the Government in December, 1986 are contained in the booklet—"Measures for Rationalisation, Quality Control and Growth of Drugs & Pharmaceutical Industry in India" copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(d) to (f) The new Drug Price Control Order based on the new measures has not yet been announced by the Government.

Manufacture of Rifampicin in the country

987. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the considerations on which manufacture of Rifampicin has been allowed in the country from the penultimate stage;

(b) what is the name of the penultimate from which production was allowed;

(c) the names of the companies which have been allowed production from this stage alongwith the licensed capacity of each;

(d) whether such approval is based on phased manufacturing programme;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof;

(f) whether his Ministry has fixed fair price of this drug after technical-cum-cost study;

(g) if so, what are the details thereof and if not what are the reasons therefor; and

(h) whether it is a fact that the import contents in the production of 1 kg. of drug is much more than the finished drug?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND

PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) No company has been given industrial approval to manufacture Rifampicin from intermediate stage.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

(f) Yes, Sir.

(g) The price fixed was Rs. 3000/- per kg. based on the Drug Price Control Order (DPCO), 1979.

(h) The international prices are subject to greater degree of fluctuation and this Department does not monitor the same.

Categorisation of drugs

988. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under Category III of existing Drugs Price Control Order, medicines are price controlled under therapeutic group;

(b) whether it is a fact that categorisation of proposed formulations under Category II is not being done on therapeutic indications;

(c) whether it is a fact that with this criteria, certain medicines for the same disease will be under price control and others outside;

(d) whether it is a fact that with such classification, price control medicines will go out of market and in their place price decontrol medicines will be promoted;

(e) whether it is also a fact that such classification will be infringement of Article 14 of Constitution;

(f) if so, whether any guidelines have been issued by his Ministry in this regard; and

(g) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The names of drugs to be included in proposed category I and II have not been announced by the Government.

(d) to (g) Do not arise at this stage.

Uniform power tariff

989. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no uniformity in the rates of power supplied by different power stations operated by the Centre;

(b) if so, what are the details of the power tariffs of the different Central Sector power stations and the reasons for the disparities; and

(c) whether it is proposed to take steps to work out a uniform power tariff for all Central Power Stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The cost of supply from different Central Sector generation stations differs on account of various factors like capital cost of the project, cost of fuel, O&M costs, etc. Tariff for supply of power from Central Generating Stations is given in the enclosed statement (see below).

(c) A committee has been constituted to examine all aspects of this matter.